THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) At present there is no Redline bus operating on this route.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) As per Unified Time Table based on the RITES Report, the frequency schedule of this route is 34/68 minutes. DTC operates 3 buses on route No. 378 and all the 3 buses are actually operating on this route. Due to continuous shortfall in the DTC fleet, it is not possible for DTC to augment its services.

(f) No, Sir.

Demands of Funds for Maintenance of National Highways in Maharashtra

7227. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI V.N. GADGIL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the demands for allocation of funds for original works, maintenance and repairs of National Highways submitted by the Government of Maharashtra during the last five years, alongwith the details of allocation made during that period;

(b) whether it is a fact that the rate of allocation made for the above works had been decreasing rapidly and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have received representation from the Govt. of Maharashtra for less allocation during that period and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) A demand of about Rs. 326 crores for original works and Rs. 150 crores for maintenance and repairs of National Highways was made by the Government of Maharashtra during the last five years (1990-91 to 1994-95). Against this, an allocation of Rs. 155 crores for original works and Rs. 86 crores for maintenance and repairs was made.

(b) The funds made available are generally less than the requirement in view of budgetary constrainsts.

(c) Due to shortage of funds various State Governments including Maharashtra State have been representing from time to time for allocation of more funds.

Declaration of State Roads as National Highways in Maharashtra

7228. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government has sent a proposal to the Union Government for declaring eleven state roads as national highways;

(b) whether only one of the proposals namely Ratnagiri-Solapur-Nagpur Road, has been accepted by Government while the other ten proposals have been rejected; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Owing to meagre allocation of funds for National Highways during the 8th Five Year Plan, there is no proposal to declare any new National Highway at this stage.

Frequency of DTC Buses in Delhi

7229. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the timings and present frequency of the buses of Delhi Transport Corporation plying on route numbers 52, 560, 570;

(b) whether the frequency of buses plying on the above routes has been reduced considerably in the recent past, causing great difficulty to the passengers;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken to restore previous frequency and timings of buses plying